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The Arab countries between Russia  
and Britain.

Fares Al Khoury asks the Arabs to  
change their foreign policy.

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Under the above headline, Al Ahram writes: "We reported recently that the Arab countries intended to pursue a new foreign policy in the light of the hostile attitude adopted by the Security Council towards Arab aspirations. The Arab governments, however, wanted to find out first the reason for such a hostile attitude. Several important contacts took place and it was discovered that there was no hope that Russia would change her Palestine policy. One of the official reports received by official Arab quarters reads as follows: "There is no doubt that the Irgun gang has many communists among its members while the Stern gang is composed entirely of communists who take orders from Russia."

"Leaving the Russians aside, we find the British very anxious to settle the differences between their country and the Arabs especially now that the international situation is strained.

"The Arab governments have not yet received new reports from their representatives in America and France concerning the new policy which the Arabs intend to pursue, except a short note from Fares Al Khoury advocating a stronger Arab policy.

The Arabs should benefit by  
the truce.

Al Ahram continues: "King Abdullah received a letter from King Ibn Saud in which he said: "My soldiers whom I sent to take part in the liberation of Palestine do not expect to return to Saudi Arabia alive. They want to die and enter paradise". The Saudi King and all Arab leaders are of the opinion that the Arabs should fully exploit the new truce militarily."

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Arab League opens office for  
publicity in Paris.

Al Ahram writes: "The Arab League Secretariat decided to open an office for publicity in Paris and asked the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to appoint an official to head it. The Ministry chose Charles Helw, the Lebanese Minister at Vatican. Azzam Pasha also requested the Lebanese government to choose a delegation to go to France at the expense of the Arab League to publicise the Arab cause."

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Arab League Political Committee  
to meet soon?

Al Ahram publishes the following story: Amman July 29 (A.N.A.) - It is firmly believed in political circles in Amman that a meeting of the Arab League Political Committee will be held within the next few days to discuss the latest developments in the Palestine question. This opinion is freely expressed despite recent statements by Arab leaders in other capitals that a further meeting is not necessary at this juncture.

Meanwhile, following the Security Council's rejection of Syria's proposal that the Palestine case should be submitted to the International Court of Justice, important conversations are taking place between leaders in Amman and those in other parts of the Arab world. Political activity in Amman is increasing daily.

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"A word of truth".

Under the above headline, Al Kutla publishes an editorial in which it criticises Edgard Gallad, the proprietor of Al Zaman, for writing an article in which he expressed sorrow at the disappearance of Mr Bidault from the Quai d'Orsay because, according to Gallad, he was opposed to France's recognition of Israel. "This cheap propaganda, thank Allah, has no market in the East", says Al Kutla. "Short memory is not one of the failings of the Arabs. We have not yet forgotten how Mr Bidault supported England against Egypt and how he approved of the Security Council's decision to impose sanctions on the Arabs if they did not accept the truce".-----

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The West unites to divide the East.

Under the above heading Al Kutla writes: "The Western countries who emerged weak from the last war are helping each other in the shape of economic, cultural, and even military treaties, and at the same time are accepting aid from the U.S.A. in order to regain their former strength. Those countries which call themselves democratic have one aim in view namely the exploitation of the East, and they are using the United Nations Assembly and the Security Council to give their wicked aggression a semblance of legality. The General Assembly ruled that Palestine should be partitioned and when the Arabs fought for their country the Security Council ruled that fighting should be stopped. The recommendations made by the Four Power Commission on Libya and the attempt to divide the country into three parts illustrates what we mean by the West uniting to divide the East"....

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"This is time for action. Do not waste it.

Under the above heading, Sawt Al Umma publishes an article written by Al Sukary, former Vice President of the Moslem Brotherhood Society, in which he says: "We do not exaggerate when we say that the Palestinian case unmasks a gigantic conspiracy by the imperialistic nations against the Arabs. These imperialistic nations may have disagreed among themselves in the past but under the leadership of their aged mother Britain they are following one policy towards the Arabs and Islam. Not content with imposing the truce on the Arabs, these imperialistic nations add another crime to their already long list of crimes by preventing the Arabs from submitting their case to the International Court of Justice."

The writer concludes by urging Iraq and Saoudi Arabia to cancel the oil concessions, and by asking the Arab countries to conclude military alliances among themselves so that they would not need to be allied to Great Britain.

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Y.M.M.A. abhors India's attitude towards Hyderabad.

Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun publishes the text of a cable sent by Salah Harb Pasha, President of the Young Men

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Moslem Association, to Mr Nohru protesting against what he designates "the unwarranted aggression of your government against Hyderabad." The Pasha expresses the hope that the difference will be settled without resorting to violence and warns Nohru that all the Moslems of the world are behind Hyderabad in her present plight.

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300,000 refugees.

Under the above headline, Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun writes: "300,000 Arabs were driven out of their homes in Palestine by sheer terrorism. Yet Truman ignores this terrible crime which was committed in the twentieth century under his nose, and his heart has no more conscience to make him feel sorry for the horrors suffered by these poor Arabs. Western civilization, the British mandate, the League of Nations, and the United Nations, curse them, are all responsible for the plight of these refugees directly or indirectly".

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"They" are afraid of the International Court of Justice.

Under the above heading, Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun writes: "They are afraid of the International Court of Justice but they do not seem afraid of God's Justice. They and their children will see that God is stronger than any Court of Justice. At any rate, the Arabs expected no justice from the International Court of Justice. They simply wanted to show how low western civilization sank in recent years".